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* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the way in which it is suggested that the motion need not be pressed seems to imply that if the facts are given, they will be adverse to the Mover." 12-10 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Whatever that be, the hon. Member who has given notice of the motion is pot pressing it. I cannot understand why the hon. Member should request the hon. Member in charge of the motion to press it. Since the latter is not pressing it, the matter is closed."

(2) LATHI CHARGE ON PICKETERS BEFORE THE NAGJI PURUSHOTHAMAM COMPANY, KOZHIKODE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House would remember that the hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan had given notice of an adjournment motion on Thursday last. The motion reads as follows :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the lathi charge, arrest and torture of peaceful picketers before the Nagji Purushothamam Company, Kozhikode, on the 27th and 28th January 1955, and on 9th February 1955, committed by the Police and the failure of the Government to prevent the Police from interfering in the normal trade union activities and resorting to excesses, which causes great anxiety to the people in and around this area.'

" The hon. Member would remember that the Hon. Minister stated that the matter was *sub judice*. I examined the question. The matter is *sub judice*. Therefore, I do not think it is a proper subject to be discussed on the floor of the House."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I do not press my motion, Sir."

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 11th February 1955, from the Governor :—

'In pursuance of Article 207, clause 1, read with Article 199, clause 1 sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1955.' "

(2) MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 17th February 1955, from the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

'In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1955), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 17th February 1955 without any amendment and signed by me.

'In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1954), as passed by the Council on the 17th February 1955 without any recommendation and signed by me.' "